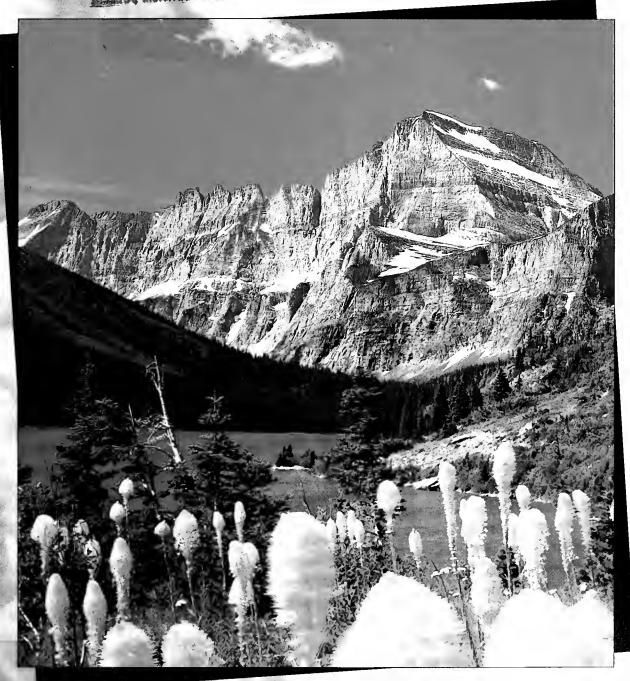
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to discover and delight in this land of the shining mountains. The possibilities for enjoying Montana are as colorful and endless as our "Big Sky " Stunning scenery, abundant wild-



life, fascinating history and a wealth of attractions make Montana a premier vacation destination. Please be our guest. Welcome to Montana!

- Governor Marc Racicot



Theresa Racicot

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backcountry on a mountain bike Donnie Sexton

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Montana has the largest grizzly bear population in the lower 48 states Dan & Condy Hartman



A breathtaking sunset on the Rocky Mountain Front signals the coming of evening Dong Dye





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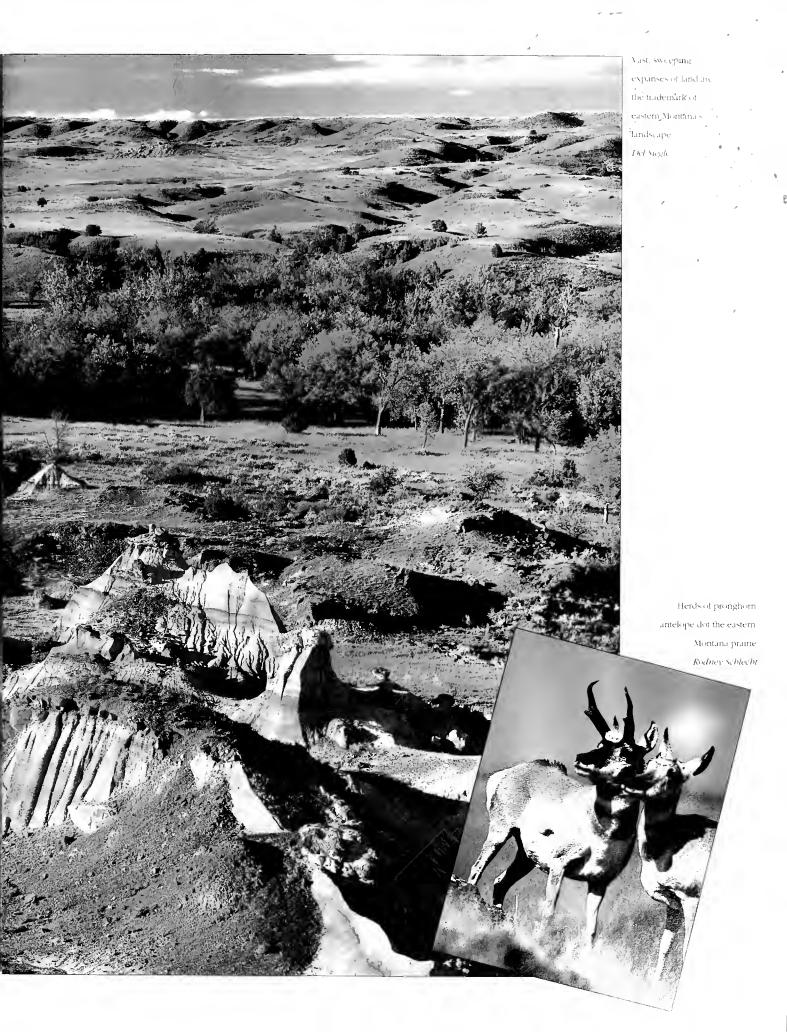
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# Spring's New Beginnings

The sure cure for cabin fever in Montana is the arrival of spring. It's the season of vibrant color—daffodils, yellow hells, lavender crocus, and delicate white cherry blossoms. It's the season of new beginnings—a colt, a fawn

nestled down in spring grass,
a robin's nest—nature's
way of keeping things in
balance. From meadow
picnics to canoe trips along the
Missouri, it is the season of quiet
appreciation for all that is new
and fresh.



Spring on the prairie perhaps Montana's most serene season *Doug Dye* 



The Northern saw whet owl stands only 7 inches tall and weighs less than four ounces Man & Sandy Carey

Horses are an integral part of Montana's western heritage Alan & Sandy Carey



# Summer Made Perfect

In Montana, there are fifteen bours of light in our summer days, and yet it seems that the days are never long enough to take in all Montana has to offer. From the wet and wild thrill of whitewater rafting to a lazy horseback trail ride. From the delights of small town parades

and fairs to Montana's action-packed rodeos. From fly-fishing adventures to upbeat jazz and bluegrass festivals.
You'll find celebrations unique to Montana—Libby Logger Days, Standing Arrow Pow-Wow, and Jordan/Hell Creek Walleye Tournament, to name a few.

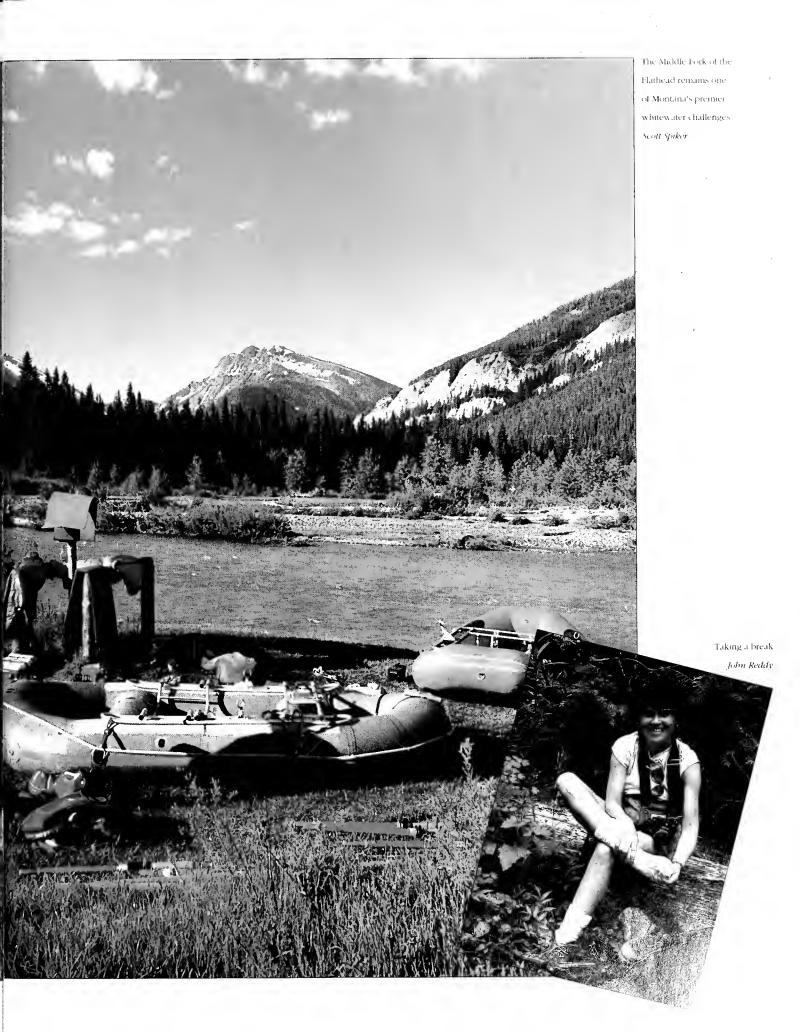


A visitor to Yellowstone National Park captures the beauty on film R. Valentine Atkinson



The annual Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Parade Larry Mayer





# Autumn-Awesome!

If you visit Montana in the autumn, you may well be amazed at what Nature does with her paintbrush. Flamboyant reds, warm golds, bronzeevident in the larch, aspen, birch. Summer's bounty of potatoes, pumpkins, and sundrenched wheat speaks well for those

who tend the land. Autumn brings quiet, still days capped off with crisp, star-filled nights. For many, it's a favorite season. The bunter, with the abundance of game. The fishing enthusiast, who seeks out a misty morning on a favorite stream. For everyone, autumn is a season filled with wonder in Big Sky Country.

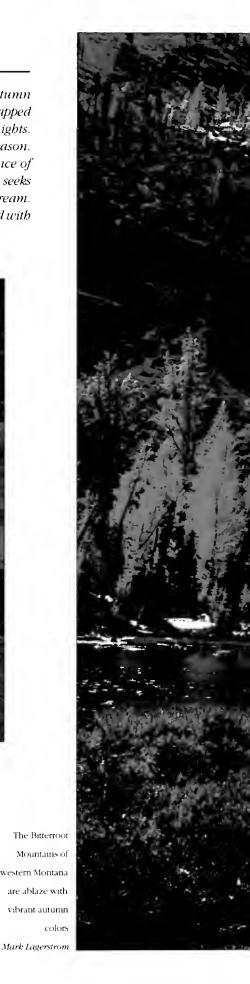


For the golfer, there are over 70 public and private courses in Montana -David Scott Smith



Elk are among Montana's most popular big game species Conrad Rowe

The Bitterroot Mountains of western Montana are ablaze with vibrant autumn





# Dashing Through the Snow

In Montana, winter means celebrating, not bibernating.
Leave the crowds behind and ski Montana, where you can spend your time perfecting your turns, instead of waiting your turn. Each of our four largest resorts offers more skiable terrain than Aspen. To complete the experience, miles of well-marked trails beckon the

Nordic skier. Tour the backcountry on snowmobile or sweep away for a starlit sleigh ride. Snuggle by the fire of a cozy inn.
Glimpses of wildlife, alpine grandeur, and shimmering snow make Montana's winter a season you shouldn't miss.



Montana's Race to the Sky-is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states - Roger Wade



Ptarmigan replace their brown summer plumage with white in winter Steve Wirt





# Friends in High Places

Montana's magnificent creatures—you'll find them not only in high places, but also in marshlands, wildlife refuges, grassy plains—virtually everywhere in the Big Sky Country. Montana is wildlife rich—over 500 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians

can be found here. Montana's population of elk, deer, and pronghorn antelope alone outnumber its citizens.

With a pair of binoculars and a healthy appreciation of living things, travelers will find an array of wildlife to enjoy.





Montana's bighorn sheep herds are among the largest in North America Nelson Kenter



Mountain goats and other animals can be viewed at numerous Watchable. Wildlife areas around the state. More than 100 areas, most marked by special binocular road signs, point the way to designated wildlife viewing sites. Dennis J. Cuadak.

The Canada goose can be found throughout Montana Conrad Rowe



# The Native Peoples

Ten American Indian tribes have deep roots in the land we call Montana. The Blackfeet, Crow, Chippewa Cree, Salish, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Gros Ventre, Pend d'Oreille, Assiniboine, and Kootenai tribes represent a diversity of culture

and language unique in North America. In ceding their massive land holdings through treaty agreements with the U.S. government, the tribes created homelands to be held in perpetuity for themselves, known as "Reservations."



the effort by a new generation

of Native Americans to preserve

their values and traditions

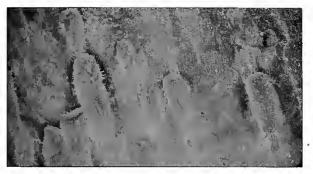
Chris Roberts

recreating in Montana's

the appropriate tribe

Joyce Clarke Turvey

Indian lands, please contact



Native American rock paintings at the Pictograph Cave State Park near Billings Connie Wanner



# Montana Through Time

Montana is history rich and the evidence is fascinating. Colorful mining towns turned ghost towns. Sacred battlefields, now preserved as monuments. Elegant mansions from another era. Leap back millions of years to the age of the dinosaurs. Extraordinary fossil

finds indicate the likes of Triceratops and Maiasaura roamed this land we now call Montana. Four of the eight Tyrannosaurs found in the world have come from eastern Montana. Allow yourself time to experience our history—you'll be richer for it.

Custer and his soldiers

R. Valentine Atkinson





Marshall Lambert
presides over Fkalaka's
unusual museum of
paleontological
specimens, including a
complete skeleton of a
duck-billed dinosaur
Michael Criammett





There are over 120 museums and galleries throughout Montana including the colorful Darby Pioneer Museum John Reddy

# Creature Comforts

It will take a lifetime of Montana vacations to sample all of our amenities.
From quaint bed and breakfast inns to upscale urban botels in the heart of great shopping areas. From historic lodges to invigorating bot springs.
From Montana's own brand of west-

ern music to elegant symphony concerts.

And the food . . .dished up any way you like it. From backcountry barbecues to elegant five-course candlelight dinners. And it all comes at very sensible prices. Make a habit of spending time with us!



Some of Montana's scenic backroads lead to culinary treasures, served with a generous portion of western hospitality Roger Wade, Jr

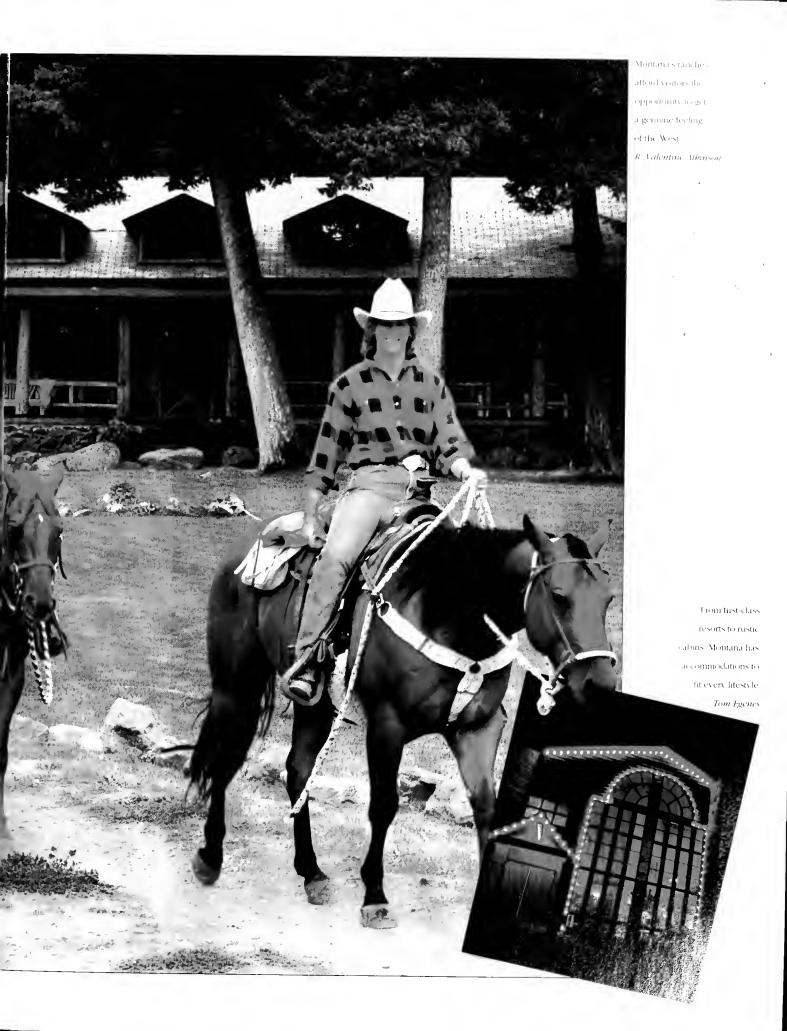


A wide range of gambling opportunities are available in Montana

Neal & Mary Jane

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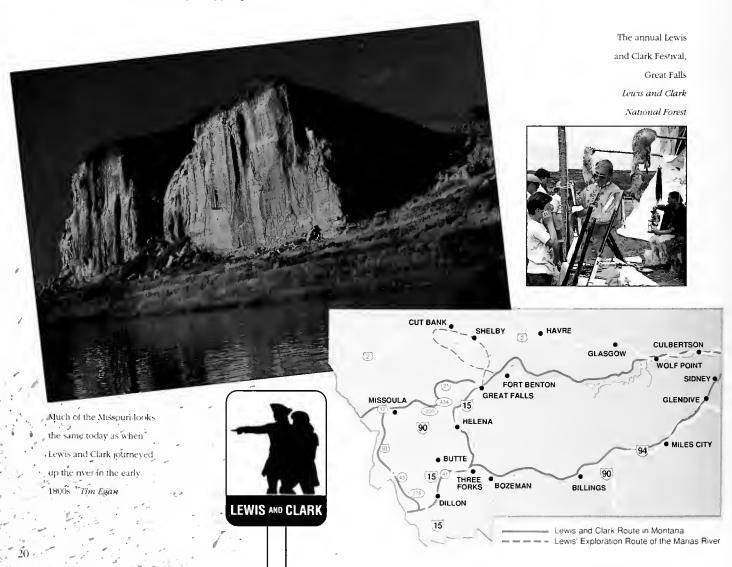
### The Lewis and Clark Trail

Meriwether Lewis and William
Clark, two of America's great frontiersmen, traveled more than 8,000 miles on their expedition into the newly purchased Louisiana Territory. Wellover a quarter of that journey was spent in Montana, much of it

along the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers, as Lewis and Clark searched for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. Visitors to Montana can retrace the historic steps of Lewis and Clark, with interpretive markers at various points.

Courageous, tireless, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were equally observant and curious—explorers in the truest sense. Their detailed journals provided a young America with some of the earliest accounts of the people and natural wonders of the west. They estimated the economic potential at the various posts, the soil and types of crops that could be grown, and animals that could be utilized. Among their scientific discoveries, we find 122 animals and 178 plants—including the ponderosa pine, Montana's state tree; the cutthroat trout, Montana's state fish; the western meadowlark, Montana's state bird; bluebunch wheatgrass, Montana's state grass; and the bitterroot, Montana's state flower.

Condensed versions of the Lewis and Clark journals are available at most bookstores, and can be used to retrace their journey through Montana. For more information, travelers should contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.



### Trail of the Great Bear

The Trail of the Great Bear is a newly developed international scenic corridor which spans 2,085 miles, or 3,550 kilometers, and links Yellowstone National



Park, the world's first national park, with Banff, Canada's first national park. The trail includes Glacier-Waterton, the world's first international peace park.

An adventure of epic proportions, the Trail of the Great Bear, celebrates nature's power and fragility. The trail traverses millions of years in time, from the molten geothermals of Yellowstone to the glacial icefields of Glacier and Banff, also offering a link with Jasper National Park.

The Trail of the Great Bear, was created to commemorate and preserve the history, culture, and natural resources along the trail, while promoting appropriate recreation and tourism uses. Once fully developed, the corridor will feature several loop tours, interpretive signage, and educational adventure opportunities.

Year-round recreational activities abound along the trail, and accommodations and traveler's services are readily available in the many communities along the trail. For additional information call Travel Montana 800-VISIT MT. To purchase a traveler's guide to the Trail of the Great Bear, call 800-582-2665. For a free adventure directory, write Box 142, Deer Lodge, MT 59722.

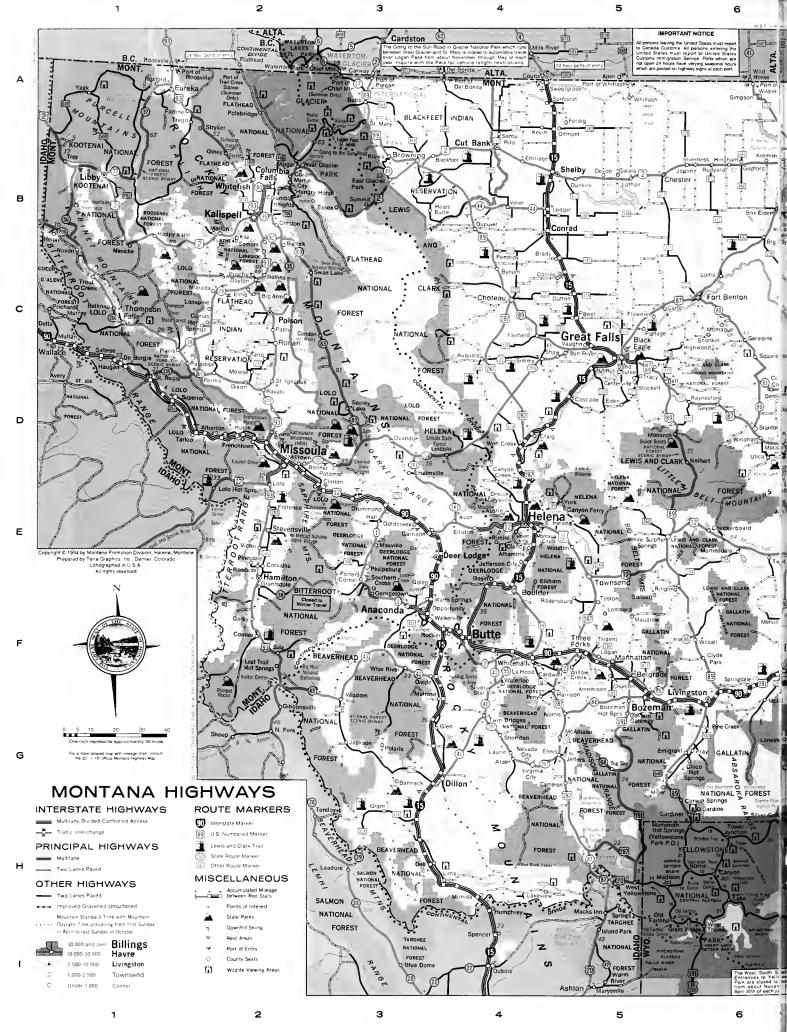


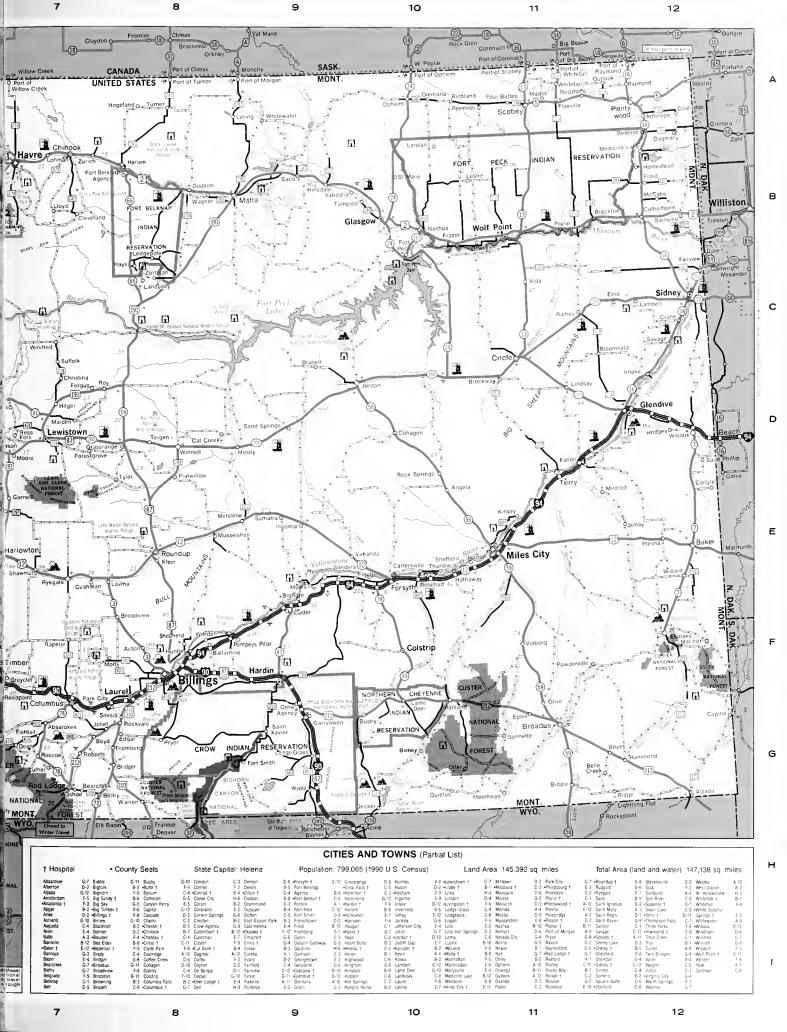


The Trail of the Great Bear from Helena to Great Falls follows the course of the Missouri River near where it cuts through the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness John Reddy

Park, with its rugged peaks and glacier-fed lakes, is a prime attraction for travelers touring the Trail of the Great Bear Doug Die

Glacier National





### Visitor Information Centers

Look for these colorful Montana Visitor Center signs at five gateways to Montana. The helpful, state-assisted centers are open to serve you seven days a week. May through September. Knowledgeable travel counselors provide information you need—road conditions, lodging, camping, events and



attractions. In addition to these visitor centers, many Montana cities and towns operate travel information facilities and offer excellent travel assistance. Look for travel information centers throughout the state. The door's open, so stop in, even if it's just to say "bello." Montanans welcome your visit and look forward to meeting you.

#### CULBERTSON

Jct. Hwy. 2 E and Hwy. 16 S Culbertson Museum and Visitor Information Center 787-6320

1 mi east of Culbertson on U.S. 2 Open May-September.

#### WIBAUX

I-94 E

Wibaux Visitor Information Center End of East Orgain Street Open May-September.

#### **HARDIN**

I-90 S

Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center 665-1671 1/2 mi east of Hardin off I-90 Open year-round.

#### **WEST YELLOWSTONE**

Hwy. 191 S and Hwy. 20 N West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center 646-7701 100 Yellowstone Ave. Open year-round.

#### DILLON

1-15 S

Dillon Visitor Information Center 683-5511 125 South Montana Open year-round.

### Celebrate Winter in Montana!

When the snow flies, the fun starts! Montana's winter season means plenty of snow, plus events and activities that make winter exciting. The Ladies' World Speedskating Finals, festive winter carnivals, old-fashioned Christmas strolls and the longest dog sled race in the lower 48 states are just a few of many great ways to enjoy winter in Montana.

And, at 14 alpine ski areas, Montana's famous abundant powder and big blue sky assure a long season of great skiing.

Or is cross-country more your style? Hundreds of miles of Nordic groomed trails, as well as acres of stunning backcountry await you.

The **Winter Guide** will help you plan your Montana winter getaway. There's information about downhill areas and cross-country resorts, as well as popular public cross-country trails. You'll also find listings of cozy accommodations, winter events, activities and attractions.

#### Call 800 VISIT MT Rm.4VG (outside Montana) or 406-444-2654.

All that snow makes conditions perfect for snowmobiling, too! The combination of scenery, great trails and active snowmobiling clubs add up to Montana's growing reputation as a prime snowmobiling destination. Ask for the **Snowmobiling Guide** for the facts about snowmobiling trails, lodging, activities and events. **Call 800 VISIT MT Rm.4VG (outside Montana) or 406-444-2654.** 



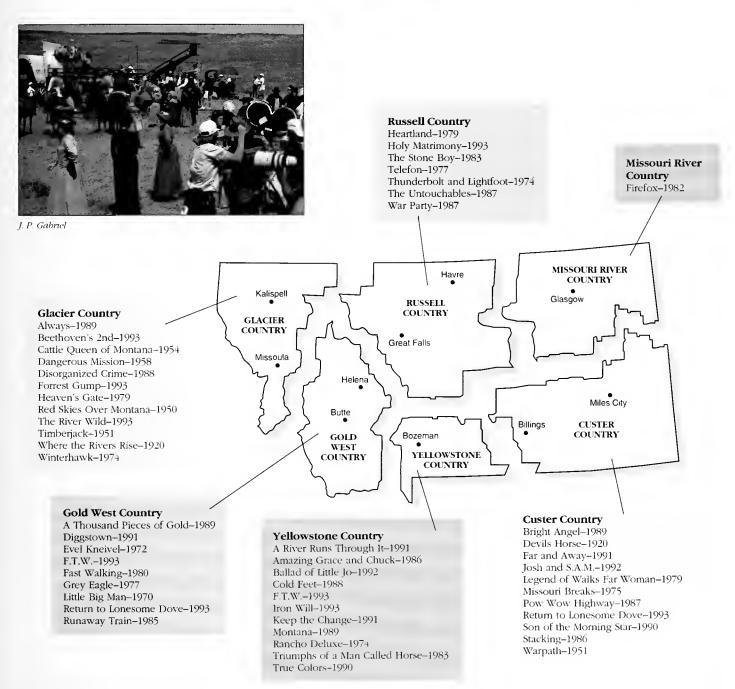
# A Stage of Dramatic Proportions

Moviemaking and Montana just seem to go together.

Directors such as Robert Redford (A River Runs Through It) and Ron Howard (Far and Away) couldn't resist 147,138 square miles of breathtaking backdrops as well as "real west" authentic historical sites. And, with mile after mile of Montana magnificance, there are many other kinds of productions that have chosen to claim the title, "Made in Montana." Some favorite locations for movies, commercials,



television and "stills" bave been stately Moss Mansion in Billings, the revived neighboring ghost towns of Virginia City and Nevada City, incomparable Glacier National Park, dramatic Paradise Valley, golden wheat fields near Great Falls, and the bistory-rich territorial prison in Deer Lodge. If you're in the area, you might enjoy visiting a location where one of your favorite movies was filmed. You'll experience first-band Montana's "star quality."



# Glacier Country

Magnificent peaks. And plenty of them, ranging from the "crown" of our continent, Glacier National Park, to the Bob Marshall Wilderness, to the Bitterroot Range with its granite spires. Lakes scattered like jewels, pristine alpine meadows sprinkled with wildflowers, and lush, fertile valleys fed by the colorful Swan and the

lively Flatbead rivers. The migrating eagle, the charming marmot, or the magnificent mountain goat... all part of Montana's watchable wildlife. And the amenities . . . professional summer theater, over 30 challenging golf courses, historic mansions, museums, art galleries. Glacier Country . . . picture perfect.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

#### Glacier National Park (A-2) West Glacier, MT 59936 888-5441

Lying in a rugged section of the northern Rockies, Glacier National Park joins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada, to create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park-an ideal "two nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 52-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. The maximum vehicle dimensions are 20 feet long and 7.5 feet wide (including mirrors). Overlength vehicles may be parked at entrance points. Rental cars are available at nearby towns and there is also a shuttle service. The Going-tothe-Sun Road normally opens early June, closes mid-Oct. America's foremost trail park, Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Guided hikes, horseback trips, and boat tours are available. Approximately 1,000 front-country campsites available on first-come, first-serve basis. Park accommodations feature historic hotels and lodges. Open mid-May thru mid-Sept. For reservations before mid-May, call 602-207-6000; May-Sept. 15, 406-226-5551, 800-332-9351 (outside MT)

#### Flathead Lake (B,C-2)

Between Kalispeli & Polson on Hwy. 93 & 35 Largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River, renowned for its fishing. Boat tours include the diesel-powered Far West from Somers (857-3203), the 51-ft. racing sloop Ouesta from Bigfork (800-332-7148), and the 41ft. tour boat Port Polson Princess from Polson (883-2448).

#### Flathead Lake State Park (B,C-2)

Information 752-5501, Reservations 755-7275
Six scenic units bordering Flathead Lake. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units feature camping, fishing, boating, swimming. Entrance fee \$3/ vehicle; camping fee extra.

Big Arm (West Shore). Boat access to Wild Horse Island. Summer 849-5255
Finley Point (East Shore). Conifer forest setting

at south end of lake. Summer 887-2715 **Wayfarers** (East Shore). North end of lake on MT 35. Picnicking, walking trails near quaint resort town of Bigfork. Summer 837-4196

West Shore. (near Lakeside) Rock formations provide excellent views for hikers, campers, photographers. Summer 844-3901

Wild Horse Island. This 2,163-acre wilderness island is home to bighorn sheep, bald eagles, wild horses, prairie plant species, and more. Day use only. Boat access via Big Arm.

Yellow Bay (East Shore). Camping in the heart of Montana's famous sweet cherry orchards. Summer 982-3291

#### National Bison Range (D-2) At Moiese, off U.S. 93 and MT 200 or 212 644-2211

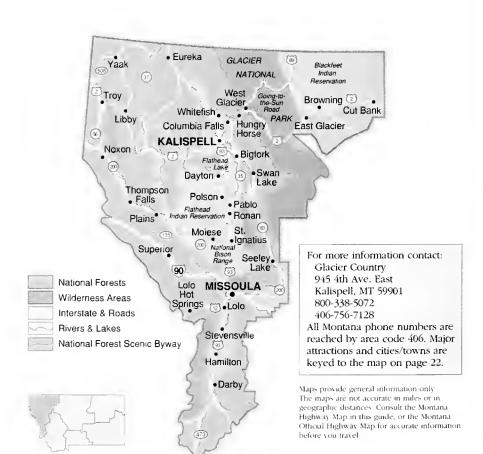
Established in 1908 to protect one of the most important remaining herds of American bison, about 400 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tours year-round. Visitor center.

#### Bob Marshall Wilderness (C-3) Between MT 200 and Glacier National Park 755-5401 or 791-7700

The "Bob" is the nation's second-largest and best-known wilderness. Combined with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildland complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding, and river floating. Roughly 1,800 miles of trails in the complex.

### Flathead National Wild and Scenic River (A,B,C-2,3) 755-5401

South, Middle, and North forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful backcountry. Rafting, kayaking, fishing.



#### Museum of the Plains Indian (B-3) Browning, Jct. of Hwy 2 & 89 338-2230

Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts, plus history of the Northern Great Plains tribes. Authentic Native American arts and crafts available at museum shop.

#### BIGFORK (B-2)

**Bigfork Art & Cultural Center** 525 Electric Ave., 837-6927 Local crafts and fine art.

Bigfork Summer Playhouse 526 Electric Ave., 837-4886

Live theater leaturing a variety of popular shows. Nightly except Sunday, May-Labor Day,

Jewel Basin Hiking Area East on Jewel Basin Road, 755-5401 Specially designated hiking area that covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows, and wildflowers.

#### **BROWNING (B-3)**

Museum of the Plains Indian See Major Attractions.

#### Blackfeet Indian Reservation (A-3) 338-7406

Adjoins Glacier National Park. Home of Montana's largest Indian tribe, the Blackleet, Of special interest are the Museum of the Plains Indian, tribal campgrounds, stream and take fishing, and the annual North American Indian Days Celebration in mid-July.

#### Bob Scriver Studio & Wildlife Museum U.S. 2 & 89, 338-5425

One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife and art in a studio that features his own sculpture, the work of other artists, and faxidermy. Open daily 8-5, May-September.

#### COLUMBIA FALLS (B-2)

#### Big Sky Waterslide 892-5025

Water park offering nine slides, whirlpool, picnic area, concessions, and children's activities. Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day, Admission.

#### CORAM (B-2)

#### Great Bear Adventure 10555 Hwy. 2 East, 387-4099

Drive through bear park, observe them in their natural habitat. Admission.

#### CUT BANK (A-4)

#### **Glacier County Historical Museum** 873-4904

Outdoor displays of machinery, railroad history. Open year-round, Tuesday-Saturday

#### DARBY (F-2)

Alta Ranger Station SW, near Painted Rocks Reservoir First Forest Service ranger station in the U.S.

Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum U.S. 93, Council Park, 821-4503 Darby settlement from 1800-1888.

#### DAYTON (C-2)

Lake Mary Ronan State Park U.S. 93 at Dayton, 7 mi, NW 849-5082, 752-5501

Hiking, fishing, birding, boating, and camping. User fee

#### Mission Mountain Winery West shore of Flathead Lake, on U.S. 93 849-5524

Tours and wine-fasting daily, 10-5, May-Oct.

#### ESSEX (B-3)

#### Izaak Walton Inn 888-5700

Built in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Listed on National Register.

#### EUREKA (A-1)

Ten Lakes Scenic Area NE of town, off U.S. 93, 882-4451 Mountain drive, scenic lakes, fishing, hunting,

Tobacco Valley Historic Village Main St., 296-2514 Area history.

#### HAMILTON (E-2)

#### Daly Mansion East Side Hwv., 363-6004

Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths, and 5 Italian marble fireplaces, the huge mansion is situated on 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley, Tours daily, May 1-Sept. 30. Oct.-April by appointment only. Admission.

#### Ravalli County Museum 205 Bedford, 363-3338

Housed in the original Ravalli Co. courthouse which was built in 1900 (on National Register). Native American collection, lab display on Rocky Mtn. tick fever, period rooms. Open year-round. Admission free.

#### Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness 363-7161

1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Continental Divide on Montana's western border with Idaho. Several canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Abundance of wildlife. No motorized travel.

#### HUNGRY HORSE (B-2)

#### Glacier Maze

#### On U.S. 2 between Hungry Horse and West Glacier, 387-5902

Over a mile of passageways on two levels to challenge puzzle-lovers of all ages. Food, gifts. picnic area. Open daily, summer Admission.

#### House of Mystery

U.S. 2 between Hungry Horse and Columbia Falls, 892-1210

Natural laws of physics are bent here, if not broken. Gift shop, picnic area. April-November. Admission

#### **Hungry Horse Dam** Off U.S. 2, 387-5241

564-ft. dam forms a reservoir surrounded by rugged mountains. Visitor center, boating, fishing, camping.

#### KALISPELL (B-2)

#### Conrad Mansion

6 blks. east of Main on 4th St. E., 755-2166 Built in 1895 as the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River frader, freighter, and lounder of the city of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance. Admission.



#### Hockaday Center for the Arts 2nd Ave. E. and 3rd St., 755-5268

Features regional and national artists. Tues.-Sat.

#### Logan State Park 45 mi. W of Kalispell on U.S. 2 293-7190 (summer) or 752-5501

On north shore of Middle Thompson Lake. Swimming, boating, camping, more. User fee.

#### Lone Pine State Park 5 mi. SW on Foys Lake Rd., 755-2706

Day use area with scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, picnic facilities, trails. User

#### LIBBY (B-1)

#### **Cabinet Mountains Wilderness** 293-6211 or 827-3533

This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range south of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized

#### Heritage Museum East on U.S. 2, 293-7521

Area history, especially 1880-1920. Open June-August.

#### Kootenai Falls

U.S. 2, between Libby and Troy

### Scenic recreation area along the Kootenai River.

#### Libby Dam 293-5577

A 420-ft.-high, multi-purpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area.

#### LOLO (E-2)

#### Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center On Lolo Pass, 34 mi. W on U.S. 12 (208) 942-3113

Located near the Idaho/Montana border near historic Lolo Trail, which was used by the Nez

Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition enroute to the Pacific. Open mid-May-Sept.

#### MISSOULA (D-2)

#### Historical Museum at Fort Missoula Fort Missoula, Building 322, enter from South Ave., W of Reserve St., 728-3476

Western Montana history, 12 historic structures on-site. Open year-round, Tues.-Sun. Free admission

#### Memorial Rose Garden On Brooks St. (Hwy 93 South)

Over 2,500 rose plants maintained as a memorial to the casualties of World War II and the Montana Vietnam Veterans. Features 12-ft. bronze statue.

#### Missoula Museum of the Arts 335 N. Pattee, 728-0447

Permanent collection of 19th-20th century Northwest art; changing exhibitions. Open yearround. Free admission.

#### Ninemile Remount Depot 20 mi. W on I-90, 626-5201

Take Ninemile exit and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station (open year-round). From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and backcountry work projects throughout the northern Rockies. Self-guiding tour includes saddle shop, blacksmith shop, corrals, and barn. Visitor center open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### Rattlesnake National Recreation Area & Wilderness

#### 8 mi. N, 329-3750

33,000-acre wilderness serves as a vast recreation area for the city and its visitors. No motorized travel.

#### Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center 2291 W. Broadway.

#### 523-4545 or 1-800-CALL-ELK

Elk display, wildlife theater, art gallery, natural history displays. Open daily. Free admission.

#### St. Francis Xavier Church 420 W. Pine. 542-0321

and Aug. Admission.

for tours in off-season.

Smokejumper Visitor Center

7 mi. W on Old Hwy 10, 329-4934

Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride

Headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service

12 mi. NW on Snowbowl Road, 549-9777

12-minute ride to 7,000 feet. Hike to the summit

and ride the chair back down. Weekends in July

smokejumpers. Open June 15-Sept.15 daily. Call

Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings, and stained glass. Open daily, 6:30-5.

#### **Trolley Tours**

North Higgins & Railroad, 721-0245 Daily guided tours through historic downtown/ university area. Reservations necessary.

#### University of Montana Arthur Ave., 243-0211

UM welcomes visitors to its plays, lectures, exhibits, and sporting events. Established in 1893, it combines traditional brick buildings and a tree-lined campus with modern facilities that include the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. the Performing Arts and Radio-Television Center, Science Complex, and Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The Museum of Fine Arts/Paxon Gallery features contemporary and historical visual arts.

#### Wilma Theatre 104 S. Higgins Ave., 543-7341

Significant not only for its architecture but also as a monument to the early citizens who pioneered efforts to bring culture and live entertainment to a developing Montana.

#### PABLO (C-2)

#### Flathead Indian Reservation Located between Missoula and Kalispell 675-2700

Home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes. Of special interest are Ninepipe and Pablo wildlife refuges, the Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness Arlee Pow-wow (early July) and Elmo Pow-wow (mid-July).

#### Salish-Kootenai Community College 675-4800

Established 1978. Tours of campus by appt.

#### PLAINS (C-1)

#### Log Schoolhouse

Restored building on Main Street.

#### POLSON (C-2)

#### Kerr Dam

#### 8 mi. SW of Polson, 883-4450

Concrete arch-type dam is 204 ft. high, 54 ft. higher than Niagara Falls. Picnicking, whitewater rafting, fishing, vista overlook. Tours by appt.

#### Miracle of America Museum 58176 Hwy 93, 883-6804

American history, World War I and II poster art, timber industry history, local crafts displayed.

#### Polson Historical Museum Main St., 883-3049

Area history and artifacts. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.



#### RONAN (C-2)

#### Garden of the Rockies Museum 676-4220

Mission Valley history

#### SEELEY LAKE (D-3)

#### Placid Lake State Park 3 mi. S of Seeley Lake on MT 83, then 3 mi. W on county road, 542-5500 Camping, boating, and fishing. User fee.

#### Salmon Lake State Park 5 mi. S of Seeley Lake on MT 83, 542-5500 Fishing, boating, and camping. User fee.

#### ST. IGNATIUS (D-2)

#### Flathead Indian Museum and Trading Post On Hwy. 93 at St. Ignatius, 745-2951

Native American crafts, artifacts. Open daily

#### Four Winds Historic Village and Trading Post 3 mi. N on U.S. 93, 745-4336

Culture, artifacts of Native Americans, antique toys and trains. Trading post open year-round.

#### St. Ignatius Mission Off Hwy 93, 745-2768

This unique Catholic church contains 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings.

#### STEVENSVILLE (E-2)

#### Fort Owen U.S. 93 to Stevensville Junc., E 1/2 mi. 542-5500

Built in 1850 by Major John Owen as a regional trade center, the adobe/log fort is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana

#### Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge 2 mi. N of Stevensville, 777-5552

2.800-acre refuge along Bitterroot River. Interpretive trails, picnic area, watchable wildlife.

#### St. Mary's Mission W end of 4th St., 777-5734

First Catholic mission in the Northwest. Established by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841. Chapel/residence, log house pharmacy museum, cemetery, gift shop. Tours May 1-Sept. 30. Oct. 1-April 30 by appointment. Admission.

#### Stevensville Museum 777-3201

Opening Spring 1994.

#### SUPERIOR (D-1)

#### Mineral County Museum 822-4078 or 822-4626

County history in former hospital building

#### THOMPSON FALLS (C-1)

#### Thompson Falls 827-4551

Area attractions include Old Jail Museum. Bighorn Sheep Viewing Station (8 mi. east of town), Wild Goose Landing Park and Recreation Center, the scenic Blue Slide area (9 miles west of town).

#### Sanders County Historical Museum Corner of Madison and Maiden Lane 827-3496

Housed in the old Sanders County jail, the museum depicts early settlement and law enforcement

#### Thompson Falls State Park 3 mi, NW on MT 200, 752-5501

Fishing boating, camping nature walks, and bird watching on the Clark Fork River and Noxon Rapids Reservoir, User fee

#### TROY (B-1)

#### Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area S of Troy on MT 56, 295-4693

Walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high on this easy .9-mile interpretive trail.

#### Troy Museum and Visitors Center 295-5377

Open summer

#### VICTOR (E-2)

#### Victor Heritage Museum Corner of Blake & Main, 642-3997

Housed in Victor railroad depot. Open mid-May to

#### WHITEFISH (B-2)

#### The Big Mountain Chairlift Ride 8 mi. N of town, 862-3511

Viewing station, restaurant at the top, hike the 5 6-mile Danny On Trail to the bottom, or choose any of three shorter hikes. Admission

#### Stumptown Historical Society Museum 862-3501

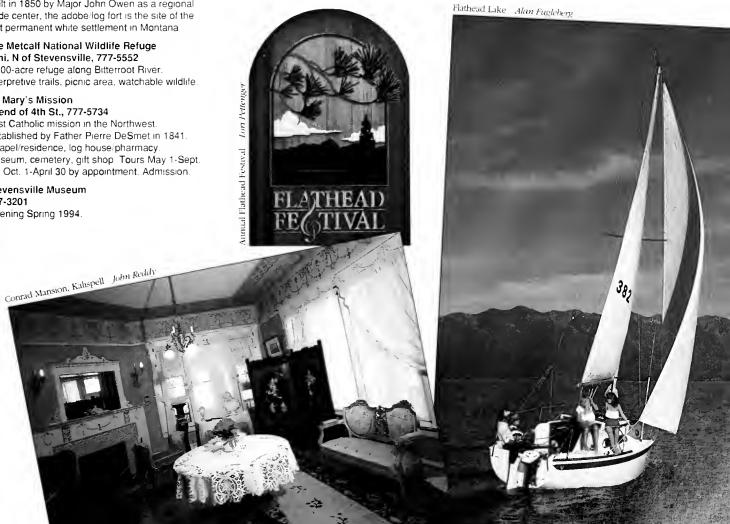
#### Whitetish Lake State Park 1 2 mi, W of Whitefish on U.S. 93, 1 mi, N 862-3991 (summer) or 752-5501

Secluded camparound, beach, water sports. User fee

#### YAAK (A-1)

#### Northwest Peaks Scenic Area NW of town on Pete Creek Road, 295-4693

Popular hiking area in Montana's extreme northwest corner



# Gold West Country

Wander through and experience legendary ghost towns and mining camps . . . it's history made real. Explore the historic districts of Butte, Philipsburg, and Montana's capital, Helena. Saddle a borse and head down the trail. Hang your hat in the bunkhouse of a guest ranch, or soak

in a hot springs pool. Bring your fishing gear—the opportunities are plenty, from blue-ribbon trout streams to bigh mountain lakes. And for the rockhound . . . sapphires, garnets, smoky quartz . . . only some of the gems you'll discover when you make Gold West Country your destination.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

#### Virginia City, Nevada City (G-4) On MT 287, 87 mi. NW of Yellowstone National

Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the gold rush era. The Virginia City Players offer 19th century melodrama nightly in summer. Museums (open May-Sept.) include Nevada City Museum, mining town, period buildings, music hall, gunfights. Admission charge.

Alder Gulch River of Gold 843-5526

Pan for gold

Thompson-Hickman Memorial Museum Virginia City-Madison County Museum

#### Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site (E-4) Outskirts of Deer Lodge, 846-2070

Once headquarters for a prosperous cattle ranching empire that controlled more than one million acres. Guided tours of elegant 23-room home. Bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection, and more.

#### Big Hole National Battlefield (F-3) 12 mi. W of Wisdom on MT 43, 689-3155

Site of 1877 battle between Col. John Gibbon's troops and Chief Joseph's Nez Perce Indians. Visitor center, museum, battlefield tour. One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

#### Bannack State Park (G-3) Off Hwy. 278, W of Dillon, 834-3413

Montana's first territorial capital and site of first major gold strike in 1862. Walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade, jailhouse, and more. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. Bannack Days (third weekend in July) features historic displays, activities, events. User fee.

#### Garnet Ghost Town (D-3) From Drummond exit, 10 mi. W; from

Bearmouth exit, 6 mi. E., then 10 mi. N on Bear Creek Rd., 329-3914

Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well-preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in an 1870s gold camp. Open year-round. Winter access (Dec. 1-May 15) only by snowmobiling or skiing. Winter cabin rental. Access also from the north, off MT 200 at Greenough.

#### Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park (F-5) 17 mi. E of Whitehall on MT 2, 287-3541 or 287-5424 (summer)

Montana's first and best-known park features the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Daily cave tours (May 1-Sept. 30), ranger talks w/movies. Campground with camping cabins, picnic area, hiking trails, concession, visitor center. Entrance fee

#### Pintler Scenic Route (E-3) 62 mi. on MT 1, off I-90

This highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes to the towns of Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop.

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#### ALDER (G-4)

#### Robber's Roost 6 mi. NW on MT 287

Hangout for hold-up gangs during the early gold rush days when stage coaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City.

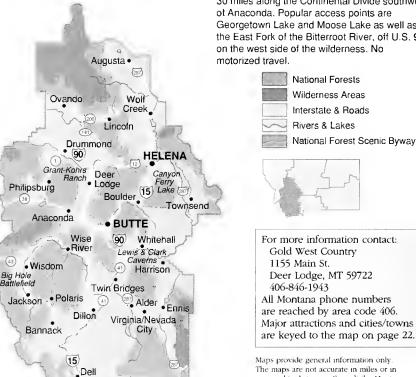
#### ANACONDA (F-3)

#### **Anaconda Historic District** 306 E. Park, 563-2400

Founded in 1883 by Marcus Daly where he erected the Anaconda smelter and reduction works. The town's landmark and a state park, "The Stack" stands 585 feet, 1.5 inches. Selfguided tour, brochure, and bus tour take you around historic Anaconda.

#### Anaconda Pintler Wilderness (F-2,3) 832-3178

This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide southwest ot Anaconda. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off U.S. 93, on the west side of the wilderness. No



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### Copper Village Museum and Arts Center 401 E. Commercial, 563-2422

Area history, copper smelter display

#### Hearst Free Library Main & 4th, 563-6932

Classic period building completed in 1889 and donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst.

#### Lost Creek State Park 1.5 mi, E on MT 1, 2 mi, N on Sec. 273, then 6 mi, W, 542-5500

Scenic recreation area with short trail to Lost Creek Falls and spectacular limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 ft. above the canyon floor. Popular viewing area for mountain goats and bighorn sheep, Camping, picnicking. User fee.

#### St. Timothy's Chapel

Off Pintler Scenic Route, 23 mi. W of town Non-denominational chapel affords breathtaking view of Georgetown Lake area.

#### Washoe Park N side of town, 563-3409

Flower gardens, tennis courts, playground, baseball diamond, picnic facilities, and swimming pool. Montana State Fish Hatchery, also at the park, features trout display ponds.

#### BOULDER (E-4)

#### Elkhorn Ghost Town 7 mi. S on MT 69, then 11 mi. N on county road, 444-4720

Outstanding examples of frontier architecture in this ghost town stand as reminders of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, camping, picnicking nearby.

#### Jefferson County Courthouse

Built in 1889 and now on the National Register, the courthouse features 3-story entrance, gargoyles, stone walls. Radon health mines, near Boulder, are open to visitors.

#### BUTTE (F-4)

#### Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce 2950 Harrison, 494-5595 or 800-735-6814

Much of Montana's history was written in mineralrich Butte. Walking tour includes historic mansions, churches, fire hall, original copper mine, more. Brochures available. Tour Butte on a replica of an early-day streetcar, "Old No.1." Open year-round, 8-8 summer.

#### Arts Chateau 321 W. Broadway, 723-7600

Housed in the elegant Victorian mansion built in 1898 for C. W. Clark. Changing exhibitions (every 6 weeks) of regional art. Admission.

#### Berkeley Pit 200 Shields, 782-8117

Until it closed in 1983, this was the nation's largest truck-operated open pit copper mine Visitor center open daily, 8-8, summer Viewing stand open March-Nov

#### Copper King Mansion 219 W. Granite, 782-7580

Former mansion of copper king and politician William A. Clark. Three-story. 32-room structure has been preserved as it was in the 1880s. Tours daily April 1-Sept. 30. Oct.-May by appt. only Admission.

#### Humbug Spires Primitive Area 18 mi. S on I-15 at Moose Creek exit 494-5059

Rock climbing, hiking, and geologic sightseeing among unusual limestone formations.

#### Mineral Museum

Montana Tech campus, W. Park St., 496-4414 1,300 mineral specimens on display Open yearround

### Neversweat and Washoe Railroad 723-8343

Tour train carries passengers on a guided tour from Rocker and World Museum of Mining to the Kelley Mine, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

Admission

### Our Lady of the Rockies 434 N. Main, 782-1221

90-foot statue atop the Continental Divide, east of city, 8,500 ft. above sea level. Gift shop, tours.

#### St. Lawrence Church 1308 N. Main, 782-9220

Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of \$25,000. Hand-carved altars, some made of marble and brass; forty frescoes. Open Friday and Sunday only.

#### U.S. High Altitude Sports Center Continental Drive, SE edge of city, 723-7060

Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition.

### World Museum of Mining W. Park St., 723-7211

1899 mining camp. Open mid-June-Nov

#### DEER LODGE (E-4)

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site See Major Attractions.

### Montana Law Enforcement Museum 1106 Main St., 846-3777

Located in historic prison. Memorial Day-October Admission.

#### Old Montana Prison 1106 Main St., 846-3111

This castle-like stone structure was the first territorial prison in western U.S. Vacated in Oct 1979, it now stands as a museum. Admission. The "Old Prison Players" theater group offers a variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. June-Labor Day. Admission.

#### Powell County Museum 1193 Main St., 846-3294

Area artifacts, local history, historic photo gallery Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### Towe Ford Museum 1106 Main St., 846-3111

Over 100 cars in this antique car collection. Open year-round. Admission.

#### Yesterday's Playthings 1017 Main St., 846-1480

1,000 dolls, plus toys that span a century. Admission.



#### DILLON (G-4)

Bannack State Park See Major Attractions.

#### **Dillon Visitor Information Center** 125 S Montana, 683-5511

Statewide travel information. Downtown historic walking tour. Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880. Brochure available. Year-round.

#### **Beaverhead County Museum** 15 S. Montana, 683-5027

Area history. Log structure housing artifacts, photos, and taxidermy. Open March-Dec.

#### Beaverhead Rock State Park 14 mi. N on MT 41, 994-4042

Shoshone Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this huge landmark in 1805, resembling a beaver's head. Park undeveloped

#### Clark Canyon Recreation Area (H-3) 20 mi. S on I-15, 683-6472

Excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. Marina on site.

#### Western Montana College 710 S. Atlantic, 683-7011

The impressive Main Hall was built in 1896. Campus houses a gallery/museum (683-7126) featuring traveling exhibits, student art, a permanent art collection, and the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection. Open Mon.-Thurs., Sun.

#### DRUMMOND (E-3)

Garnet Ghost Town See Major Attractions.

#### ENNIS (G-4)

#### Beartrap Canyon 16 mi. N on U.S. 287, then 6 mi. E on MT 84 494-5059 or 683-2337

Part of the Lee Metcalt Wilderness, this area is popular for hiking, fishing, and whitewater rafting on the Madison River. Trail Creek Access Recreational Area (located at the head of the canyon) is the first fishing, picnicking, and sightseeing park on the Madison designed for handicapped.

#### **Ennis National Fish Hatchery** 12 mi. SW on Varney Rd., 682-7635

Six strains of rainbow trout provide 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout the U.S.

#### Madison Canyon Earthquake Area and Visitor Center (H-5) 41 mi. SE on U.S. 287, 646-7369

On Aug. 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake. Memorial visitor center and vista

#### HELENA (E-4)

#### Capital City of Montana

An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along main street, still called Last Chance Gulch. View historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. Selt-guiding brochures available at Helena Chamber, 442-4120. Scenic Holter Lake and Hauser Lake near Helena provide boating and fishing.

#### Archie Bray Foundation 2915 Country Club Ave, 443-3502

Potters from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics, and sculpture. Gallery, tours by appt.

#### Canyon Ferry State Park 10 mi. E on U.S. 12/287, then 8 mi. N on Sec. 284, 444-4475

This popular reservoir provides excellent fishing, boating, camping, wildlife watching: 76 miles of shoreland. Bald eagle viewing mid-Nov.

#### Frontier Town

W on U.S. 12, atop MacDonald Pass, 442-4560 Authentic village built of handhewn logs with dining room, unique western bar, museum, chapel, gift shop. Year-round.

#### Gates of the Mountains 20 mi. N on I-15, 458-5241

Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River Canyon, route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Hiking, boating, history, wildlite.

#### Grandstreet Theater 325 N. Park, 443-3311

Live theater Thurs -Sat. in historic brownstone building

#### Holter Lake Recreation Area 36 mi. N on I-15 and Recreation Rd., then 3 mi. S on County Rd., 494-5059

Boating, fishing and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. User

#### Holter Museum of Art 12 E. Lawrence (off Last Chance Gulch) 442-6400

Changing exhibits of contemporary and historic art. Tues.-Sat., 10-5; Sun., noon-5.

#### Last Chance Tour Train Outside Historical Society Bldg., 442-4120 One-hour ride through historical Helena, mid-May to Sept. 30. Hourly.

Little Red Schoolhouse Museum 1635 Sierra Road East, 458-9249 Restored schoolhouse, viewing by appt. only.

#### Marysville NW off Sec. 279

Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed on the National Register.



#### Myrna Loy Center 15 N. Ewing, 443-0287

Helena's showcase for national touring music, theater and dance companies, festivals, conferences, films. Located in renovated county jail.

### Original Governor's Mansion 304 N. Ewing, 442-3115

Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours.

#### Pioneer Cabin 200 S. Park, 443-7641

Built in 1864, it houses many original furnishings Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, or by appt

#### Reeder's Alley S. Park, 449-2552

Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with shops, restaurant, visitor center.

#### Sapphires

#### NE of the city on the Missouri River

Dig for sapphires and other gems or take home some "paydirt" to sift through at Spokane Bar Mine (227-8989) or the Love Stone Mine (475-3714).

#### St. Helena Cathedral 530 N. Ewing, 442-5825

Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting.

#### MONIDA (H-4)

#### Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Extreme SW corner of MT on graveled Centennial Valley Road between West Yellowstone and Monida, 276-3536

One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, moose, and antelope. Primitive area

#### PHILIPSBURG (E-3)

#### Philipsburg, 859-3388

1890s mining town with renovated national historic business district, quaint shops. Walking and auto tours. Guides to area ghost towns, watchable wildlife, architecture and recreation for all seasons.

#### Georgetown Lake 10 mi. S on MT 1

Beautiful mountain lake and popular recreation area for fishing, boating, camping.

### Granite County Museum & Cultural Center 859-3388

Home of the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. Open mid-May through Dec.

#### Pintler Scenic Route See Major Attractions.

See Major Attraction:

#### Sapphires 24 mi, SW on MT 1 and 38

Dig for gems at Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine. (859-3530) Memorial Day-mid-Sept. Camping. Sapphire Gallery in Philipsburg is open year-round for digging. (800-525-0169)

#### TOWNSEND (E-5)

#### Broadwater County Museum First block off Broadway on N. Walnut 266-5252

Area history

#### WISE RIVER (F-3)

#### Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway Pioneer Mountains between Hwys. 43 and 278 683-3900

A 40-mile backcountry drive that bisects the Pioneer Mountains between Hwys. 43 and 278. Camping, hiking, fishing, plus the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill, and a narrow gauge railroad that served the mill. Summer travel recommended. Open to snowmobiles in winter

#### Crystal Park

Turn at Maverick Mountain turnoff, then 15 mi. N on Hwy. 278, 683-3900 Public diggings for quartz crystals and amethyst. Picnic area. July-November.



# Russell Country

Famed western artist Charlie Russell called this land bome, where the mountains meet the prairies. It is also bome to the Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Chippewa, and Cree Indian tribes, who welcome visitors to a colorful culture. Explore the land that still looks as bauntingly big and beautiful as it did

when Lewis and Clark journeyed up the grand Missouri River. Linger in cities where bistory has been preserved in parks, museums, and galleries. Dramatic skies, historic buffalo jumps, miles of flaxencolored wheat fields . . . take it all in when you visit Russell Country.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

#### C. M. Russell Museum Complex (C-5) 400 13th St. N., Great Falls, 727-8787

World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and memorabilia plus works by his contemporaries: Reiss, Seltzer, Wieghorst, Heikka, Sharp. Browning Firearms Collection. Museum, original log cabin studio, and Russell home. Admission.

Kings Hill National Scenic Byway, 547-3361 71-mile byway in the Little Belt Mountains from jct. U.S. 12 and 89 north to jct. U.S. 87 and 89. Scenery, mining and ranching history, recreational opportunities.

#### Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway (C-7,8), BLM, 538-7461

A 73-mile loop from Hwy. 236, 9 mi. east of Winifred, with fascinating geology, wildlife, and a side trip to the free McClelland Ferry across the Missouri River, April-Oct.

### Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (C-7), 538-7461

The Upper Missouri stretches 149 miles downriver from Fort Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. Highlights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter River, abandoned homesteads, and abundant wildlife. Commercial boat tours from Fort Benton, shuttle service at Virgelle. Visitor center and museum at Fort Benton, open Friday-Monday, summer. Visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day (622-5185).

For more information contact: Charlie Russell Country P.O. Box 3166 Great Falls, MT 59403 800-527-5348 406-761-5036 All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Major attractions and cities/towns are keyed to the map on page 22.

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#### BELT (D-5)

#### Belt Museum, 277-3616

History, local art. Built in 1895; former city jail. Summers Sat.-Sun. 12-4; call for winter visits.

#### CHESTER (B-5)

#### Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam On the Marias River, 20 mi. SW of Chester 759-5200

Camping, boating, fishing for walleye, pike, trout. Year-round access.

### Liberty County Museum 759-5256

Summer only

Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery 402 S Main, 759-5652

#### CHINOOK (B-7)

### Blaine County Museum 501 Indiana, 357-2590

County history, Nez Perce Indian artifacts.

#### Bear's Paw Battleground 16 mi. S on Secondary 240

One of Montana's three units of Nez Perce National Historical Park. Site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." Park ranger available mid-May through mid-Sept.

#### CHOTEAU (C-4)

#### Bob Marshall Wilderness W of town, 466-5341

Access from Rocky Mountain Front to 1.5 million acres of wildlands including Scapegoat and Great Bear Wilderness areas. No motorized travel.

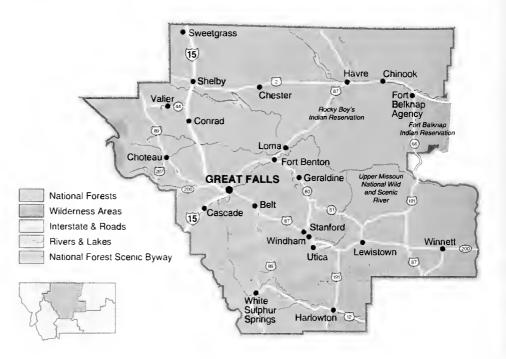
#### Old Trail Museum

U.S. 287 & 89, 466-5332

Dinosaur fossils, Indian artilacts, farming and pioneer exhibits. Features three life-size dinosaur models. Log cabin studio of artist Jesse Gleason. Open May-Sept.

#### Pine Butte Swamp W of town, 466-5526

Nature Conservancy Preserve profects unique wetland along the Rocky Mountain Front. Call for tours. For accommodations, call 466-2158.



#### FORT BELKNAP AGENCY (B-8)

### Fort Belknap Indian Reservation 45 mi, E of Havre, 353-2205

Home of Gros Ventre and Assimboine tribes. Of special interest are St. Paul's Mission, Mission Canyon, Snake Butte. Tours available

#### FORT BENTON (C-6)

#### Fort Benton, 622-5494

As a trading post, military fort, and head of steamboat navigation, this was an important overland connection from 1860 to 1887. Historic buildings, river-front park. "Lewis and Clark Memorial," a sculpture by artist Bob Scriver, depicts the explorers with Sacajawea, their Indian guide.

### Museum of the Northern Great Plains 911 21st St.

State of Montana's agricultural museum. Open mid-May to mid-Sept

#### Museum of the Upper Missouri Old Fort Park

Historical museum, including Hornaday buffalo. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choteau and 14th St.

This Norman-Gothic church, built in 1880, is one of Montana's oldest masonry buildings.

#### GERALDINE (C-6)

#### Square Butte Natural Area Off MT 80, S of town, 538-7461

Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational, and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats, and hawks.

#### GREAT FALLS (C-5)

#### C. M. Russell Museum Complex See Major Attractions.

#### Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge 14 mi. N of Great Falls on Bootlegger Trail 727-7400

12.500-acre refuge with 5,000-acre marshy lakes offers wildlife watching, photography, hiking

### Great Falls Visitor Center 815 2nd St. S., 761-4434

Information about area attractions, Lewis and Clark Expedition, accommodations.

#### Cascade County Historical Museum 1400 1st Ave. N. at Paris Gibson Square 452-3462

County history, gift shop, information center, archives.

#### Giant Springs Heritage State Park 3 mi. E of U.S. 87 on River Drive, 454-3441

Discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, this is one of the largest freshwater springs in the world. Also the site of the world's shortest river—the Roe. Scenic views of Rainbow Falls on the Missouri River, visitor center, picnic sites, concession, fish hatchery. User fee.

#### Great Falls of the Missouri E of town on Ryan Dam Rd.

Much of the Missouri remains as it was in 1805 when Lewis and Clark first viewed it. The "Great Falls" themselves are now the site of Ryan Dam.

Liberty County Museum, Chester

Neal and Mary Jane Mishler

#### Great Falls Portage 52 St. N. and 10th Ave. S., 761-4434

The Lewis and Clark Expedition was forced to portage around the falls at this site. The 18-mile, 15-day portage was one of the greatest ordeals endured by the expedition. A heroic-size sculpture (located at Overlook Park and 2nd St. S.) by artist Bob Scriver commemorates the portage.

### Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum E edge of town, 731-2705

Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, plus historical military displays. Open year-round.

#### Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum 10 mi. E on U.S. 87, 452-6571

World's largest privately owned, operational collection of steam engines.

### Montana Cowboys Association Museum 311 3rd St. NW., 761-9299

Log cabin display of Old West memorabilia.

#### Paris Gibson Square 1400 1st Ave. N., 727-8255

Contemporary and historical exhibitions shown year-round in three main galleries. Built in 1895, the Square now houses a museum, art galleries, restaurant, and shopping area. Tours by appt. Open daily, summer.

#### Ulm Pishkun State Park 10 mi. S on I-15 at Ulm exit, then 4 mi. NW on county road, 454-3441

Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States.

#### HARLOWTON (E-7)

#### Harlowton 632-5523

Located in town are the E-57B Electric Engine Park and "And They Called the Land Montana," a pioneer bronze sculpture. Upper Musselshelf Museum (632-5519) features general store, Indian artifacts, pioneer home, Avacertops lammersi dinosaur display, more. Chief Joseph Park on U.S. 12 in town features camping, scenic walkways, fishing pond, playground.

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#### HAVRE (B-7)

#### Beaver Creek Park 10 mi. S of Havre, 395-4565

Largest county park (10,000 acres) in the U.S. with great fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking, and scenic views. Open all year.

#### Fort Assinniboine 8 mi. SW off U.S. 87, 265-9913

Largest military fort west of Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Guided tours available.

#### Havre Badlands

8 mi. NW off Hwy 232 (River Rd.)

Unusual landscape formed by glacial influences and geological formations; fossil evidence and archaeological finds.

#### Havre Beneath the Streets 265-4383

Developed during the building of the Great Northern Railroad. Tours available (includes visits to a bordello, opium den, bakery, mercantile, more, all underground). Admission.

#### H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum U.S. Hwy 2 W. at fairgrounds, 265-9913

Archaeology, area history and interpretation, lecture/tour program. May 15-Sept. 15. Lions Campground adjoins

Northern Montana College Collections 300 W. 11th, Math-Science Bldg., 265-3757 Natural history, Indian artifacts.

#### Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation 15 mi. SW on U.S. 87, 395-4282

Home of Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains.

#### Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site U.S. Hwy 2 W., 265-5152 or 265-9913

Largest and best-preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours on summer evenings.

#### LEWISTOWN (D-7)

#### Lewistown 538-5436

Located at the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. Four areas are listed on the National Register: Silk Stocking District, Courthouse Square, Judith Place, and downtown area. Self-guiding tour brochures available.

#### **Big Springs Trout Hatchery** 5 mi. S on Hwy 238, right on Spring Creek Rd. 2 mi., 538-5588

Central Montana Museum 408 E. Main, 538-5436 Area history.

C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on Airport Road, 538-8706 Exhibition pasture of bison.

#### Crystal Lake

15 mi. W on U.S. 87, then 20 mi. S on county roads, 566-2292

Excellent hiking apportunities; fossils, ice caves

#### James Kipp Recreation Area 65 mi. NE on U.S. 191, 538-7461

Located on the C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge; access to Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake.

#### Judith Peak Recreation Area 20 mi. NE of town, 538-7461

Gravel road to summit for outstanding 100-mile views of mountains/prairies. Ghost towns of Maiden, Gilt Edge, Fort Maginnis nearby.

#### Judith River Wildlite Management Area 23 mi. W on U.S. 87, 17 mi. SW on MT 239 454-3441

View large elk herds, late fall/winter, Access to Little Belt Mountains

#### Lewistown Art Center 801 8th Ave N., 538-8278

War Horse National Wildlite Refuge 40 mi. E on MT 200, 538-8706 Excellent spring waterfowl viewing

#### LOMA (C-6)

#### Earth Science Museum 739-4357

Natural history, Indian artifacts.

#### House of a Thousand Dolls 739-4338

Dalls/toys from 1830 to present.

#### Virgelle Mercantile 378-3110

Homesteading history, canoe rentals.

#### SHELBY (B-5)

#### Marias Museum of History and Art 434-2551

Area history, homesteading, oil and Dempsey-Gibbons fight exhibit.

### North end of Shelby

Lake Shel-oole

Camping, ballfields, and playgrounds.

#### STANFORD (D-6)

Judith Basin Museum June-Aug. 566-2281, Sept.-May 566-2974 Early photos, area history.

#### UTICA (D-6)

#### Utica Museum 423-5208

Homestead era.

#### VALIER (B-4)

#### Lake Frances Recreation Area

Popular area for swimming, boating, windsurfing, fishing, camping, and picnicking.

#### WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (E-5)

#### The Castle

310 2nd Ave NE., 547-3370

Built in 1892, this dominant stone structure houses the Meagher County Museum. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

#### Ghost Town of Castle SE of town off Hwy 294

Weathered homes and outbuildings are all that remain of the silver strikes of the 1880s.

#### Hot Sulphur Springs 202 W. Main, 547-3366

First discovered by Indians, the town grew up around this natural hot spring. Two pools are open year-round to the public. Fee.

#### WINDHAM (D-6)

#### Sod Buster Museum 423-5358

Area history, farming, mining, gem display.



Floating the Missouri

Kirsten Gross

# Yellowstone Country

Pick any season and we'll give you outdoor adventure at its best. Unique skiing resorts, miles of cross-country and snowmobiling trails, blue-ribbon trout streams, whitewater challenges, fall bunting. Add to this the breathtaking Beartooth Highway and scenic backcountry roads.

Not to be missed is Yellowstone,

our nation's first national park, with its enchanting world of mud pots, geysers, geothermal pools, and abundant wildlife. Travel back into the time of dinosaurs at the world famous Museum of the Rockies. Check into a guest ranch and check out the fun. Yellowstone Country . . . take it easy or take it all in . . . the choice is yours.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

#### Yellowstone National Park (H-6) Wyoming 82190, (307) 344-7381

Three of Yellowstone's five entrances are in Montana: Gardiner on U.S. 89; Cooke City/Silver Gate, via the Beartooth Highway (U.S. 212); and West Yellowstone, at junction of U.S. 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its spouting geysers, bubbling mud caldrons, canyons, rivers and lakes, waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres of scenic beauty.

Accommodations in the park are open May-Oct. and Dec.-March. For reservations call (307) 344-7311.

# Yellowstone Institute (H-6) Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, (307) 344-7381, ext. 2384 Offers field courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology, and history.

#### Beartooth Highway (G-7) U.S. 212 from Red Lodge to Yellowstone National Park, 446-1718 or 446-2103

Designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful drive in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile drive offers skytop views of snow-capped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes, and plateaus. Pristine air, unique alpine vegetation, and breathtaking scenery make this 3-hour drive an unforgettable trip through "Beartooth Country." Open June-mid-Oct.

### Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (G-6) 657-6361 or 587-6701

Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 700 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers, and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge, and Cooke City. No motorized travel.

#### Museum of the Rockies (F-5) S. 7th & Kagy Blvd., MSU Campus, Bozeman 994-2251

Take a walk through 4 billion years of history of the Northern Rockies. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, a world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, western art, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Center, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits, and gift shop. Open daily. Admission

#### Missouri Headwaters State Park (F-5) 1-90 at Three Forks exit, E on Sec. 205, N on Sec. 286, 994-4042

Established where Lewis and Clark discovered the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin rivers joining to form the Missouri River. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing, floating User fee.

#### ABSAROKEE (G-7)

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness See Major Attractions.

#### BIG SKY (G-5)

#### Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort 995-4211 or 800-548-4486

Scenic gondola rides with spectacular views of surrounding mountains. Other summer activities include golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting.

### Lee Metcalf Spanish Peaks Wilderness 587-6701

Spectacular hiking and backpacking; easily accessed from the Big Sky area. Several peaks, including Lone Mountain, over 11,000 feef.

### Soldier's Chapel U.S. 191, 995-4292

Built in 1955 as a World War II memorial, this nondenominational chapel has an exquisite view of Lone Mountain.

#### BIG TIMBER (F-6)

#### Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness See Major Attractions.

#### Big Timber 932-5131

Located at the foot of the Crazy Mountains, Big Timber offers a broad range of activities including a waterslide, golf, art and antique galleries, fishing, and hiking.

#### C. Sharps Arms 100 Centennial, 932-4353

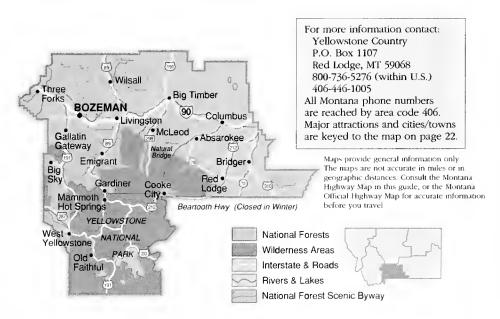
Unique showroom features guns and accessories of the 1870s by Sharps and Winchester.

### Crazy Mountain Museum Frontage Rd., W of town, 932-5126

 $\label{thm:many} \mbox{Historical museum. Many exhibits, artist's gallery.} \\ \mbox{May-September.}$ 

### Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park 9 mi. E on I-90 at Greycliff exit, 252-4654

Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community has been preserved. Interpretive signs. User fee.



#### Natural Bridge (G-6) 27 mi. S on Sec. 298, 932-5131

Spectacular falls and river canyon with interpretive signs and trails. Fishing on Boulder River and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

#### Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co. 201 Centennial Dr., 932-4454

Open Mon.-Fri. for tours.

#### Victorian Village At Exit 367, 932-4378

More than 5,000 sq. ft. of Victorian antiques, vintage furnishings and tools. Museum, antique store, gift shop. Open daily June to Sept.

#### Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery Fairgrounds Road, 932-4434

Open year-round. Picnicking, camping nearby

#### Zemsky-Hines Gallery 108 E. 3rd, 932-5307

Features the work of leading western artists Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, who have made Big Timber their home. Other regional artists teatured.

#### BOZEMAN (F-5)

#### Museum of the Rockies See Major Attractions

#### American Computer Museum 234 E. Babcock, 587-7545

World's second museum of its type totally devoted to history of the computer. Designed for visitors of all ages and levels of computer experience.

#### **Bozeman Fish Technology Center** 4050 Bridger Canyon Rd., 587-9265

Observe many varieties of fish. Native American program, National Historic Site on premises, picnic area. Open year-round

#### Gallatin Canyon (F,G-5) U.S. 191 between Bozeman and West Yeliowstone

80-mile drive that parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks, and enters the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping, and

#### Gallatin Gateway Inn 14 mi. SW at Gallatin Gateway on U.S. 191

Built in 1927 by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, this mission-style hotel is listed on the Historic Register.

#### Gallatin Pioneer Museum 317 W. Main, 585-1311

Pioneer history, artifacts.

#### Hyalite Canyon South on 19th Ave., 587-6920

Handicap-accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnicking, camping

#### Montana State University 994-0211

Well known for its agricultural research and education, MSU is also strong in the fields of physical science and technology. Home of the Museum of the Rockies. Visitors are welcome to MSU's cultural and sporting events, which include the annual College National Finals Rodeo (587-2637) in June.

#### South Willson Historic District 586-5421 or 1-800-228-4224

Walking tour of this residential area features 48 houses ranging from large mansions to small cottages, some dating back to 1883.

#### BRIDGER (G-8)

#### Devil's Canyon Overlook SE on U.S. 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy 37 (307) 548-2251

Scenic view of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area where the canyon cross-cuts a 1,000-ft.-high segment of the fault that makes up the Pryor Mountains.

#### **Pryor Mountains National Wild Horse Range** SE on U.S. 310 to Lovell, then N on Hwy 37 657-6262 (BLM)

For directions, consult Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Visitor Center at Lovell or the BLM. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, tree-roaming mustangs believed to be

descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding, fossil hunting, backcountry driving.

#### COOKE CITY, COLTER PASS & SILVER GATE (H-6)

#### 838-2272 summer; 838-2244 winter With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities ofter hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing, and more. Pink snow found only in a few places in the world and glaciers containing preserved grasshoppers are visible within hiking distance. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's north entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Highway.

#### COLUMBUS (G-7)

#### Columbus Chamber of Commerce 322-4505

This full-service community in the foothills of the Beartooths boasts the "most scenic route to Yellowstone Park" via Hwy. 78 and U.S. 212 over Beartooth Pass. Columbus offers three city parks, free camping, floating, fishing, golfing, general aviation airport, and the Museum of the Beartooths (322-5523).

#### GARDINER (G-6)

#### Yellowstone National Park See Major Attractions.

NE of Gardiner, 848-7971 Old gold mining town.

#### Paradise Players

Hwy. 89 at Corwin Springs, 848-7891 Dinner theater with professional family entertainment. June - Sept.



#### Roosevelt Arch Off Park St., 848-7971

Has marked the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park since 1903, when President Teddy Roosevelt dedicated it before an estimated 5,000 spectators

#### LIVINGSTON (F-6)

#### Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce 222-0850

Downtown Livingston, a designated Historic District on the National Register, encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. With the Yellowstone River flowing through town, Livingston provides excellent floating and fishing access.

#### **Depot Center** 200 W. Park, 222-2300

Located in restored Northern Pacific Railroad station. Major art and history exhibits. Open daily, mid-May to mid-Oct.

Firehouse 5 Playhouse 1/2 mi. S on Hwy. 89 Sleeping Giant Trade Center, 222-1420 Vaudeville theatre, May-Sept.

Lone Wolf Wildlife Museum 1/2 mi. S on Hwy 89, 222-6140

#### Paradise Valley (G-6) U.S. 89 between Livingston and North entrance to Yellowstone National Park at Gardiner

53-mile scenic drive, bordered by the magnificent Absaroka Range and the Yellowstone, longest free-flowing river in the U.S. and one of America's finest "Blue Ribbon" trout streams. Fishing, whitewater rafting. Devil's Slide and ghost towns of Aldridge and Electric nearby.

### Park County Museum

explorers, railroad and Indian history, archaeology. Open daily, June-Labor Day.

Beartooth Highway, Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness See Major Attractions.

#### Red Lodge Historic District 446-1718 (summer, 446-3914)

Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1893 and 1910 during coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town, and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during the 9-day Festival of Nations.

#### **Beartooth Nature Center** N end of Red Lodge, 446-1133

Native North American animals, plus children's petting zoo. Adjacent to Coal Miners' Memorial Park. Concessions. Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission.

#### Carbon County Museum S on U.S. 212, 446-3914

Area history and artifacts. Homestead cabin of John Garrison, on whose life the movie "Jeremiah Johnson" was based. Summer only

#### Cooney Reservoir State Park 21 mi. N on U.S. 212, 8 mi. W of Boyd 252-4654 or 445-2326

Popular recreation area for boating, fishing, camping, wildlife watching, more. User fee.

#### Smith Mine Disaster Site 4 mi. E at Washoe, 446-1718

In 1943, 74 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand

#### THREE FORKS (F-5)

Missouri Headwaters State Park See Major Attractions.

#### Headwaters Heritage Museum Main St., 285-3495

Western heritage exhibits. Summer only.

#### Madison Buffalo Jump State Park 5 mi. E on I-90 to Logan, 7 mi. S on Buffalo Jump Rd., 994-4042

This buffalo jump vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used in Montana 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Picnic area. User fee.

#### Sacajawea Inn 285-6934

Named after the Shoshone Indian woman who helped guide the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the inn was built in 1910. Recently restored. On National Register of Historic Places.

#### WEST YELLOWSTONE (H-5)

### Yellowstone National Park

See Major Attractions.

#### West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center 100 Yellowstone Ave., 646-7701

Statewide travel information. Open year-round.

#### International Fly Fishing Center 646-9542

Features Pat Lilly angling art gallery, Federation of Fly Fishers Library, fly casting pond.

#### Museum of the Yellowstone 646-7814

Features "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" plus Indian, military, and wildlife exhibits

#### Musical Moose Playhouse 24 Madison Ave., 646-9710

Old-fashioned melodrama—the West was never this much fun. Nearly year-round; call for reservations.

#### Playmill Theatre 646-7757

In its 31st season of melodrama, comedy, and variety shows.

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# Missouri River Country

Montana's Land of the Lazy Mountains has a rich heritage dating back to prehistoric times, with some incredible fossil finds still being discovered. It was here Lewis and Clark entered Montana, following the Missouri River. At the turn of the century, legendary outlaws roamed this region, the northern stretch of the Outlaw Trail. Museums reflect this rich, exciting

bistory. Activities include threshing bees, gold panning, county fairs, Indian powwows, watchable wildlife, a bot air balloon rally, rodeos, golf, bunting and fishing, floating, wagon trains, and more. Fort Peck Lake, with 1,500 miles of shoreline, offers year-round recreation. Visitors will be impressed by

the vastness, hospitality and spectacular sunsets.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

### Fort Peck Dam and Lake (C-10) 18 mi. S of Glasgow, 526-3411

One of the world's largest dams impounds the Missouri River, forming a giant lake with 1,500 miles of shoreline. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping, and sightseeing. Watchable wildlife viewing area. Powerhouse tours daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Museum open year-round.

#### Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (C-8,9,10) Between MT 24 and U.S. 191, S of Glasgow and Malta, N of Jordan, 538-8706

A million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Reservoir. This wildlife-rich area consists of prairies, breaks, and badlands. Camping, boating, scenic loop tour 6 miles east of U.S. 191.

#### Little Rocky Mountains (C-8) 40 mi. SW of Malta on U.S. 191

An island of mountains on the plains, the area is rich in Old West romance and valuable mineral deposits. Legend has it that Butch Cassidy and Kid Curry hid out here. Gold-mining arrived in 1884 and by World War II, the Little Rockies had yielded \$25 million in gold. Tour (summer weekdays only), a modern gold-mining operation at Pegasus Gold's Zortman Mine (reservations necessary, 673-3252). Campgrounds near Zortman and Landusky (654-1240) make good base camps for fishing at nearby reservoirs.

#### Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site (B-12) North Dakota border: NE of Sidney and Fairview, off Hwy 200; E of Culbertson, off U.S. 2; or SE of Bainville on Rt. 327 (701) 572-9083

Missouri River's pre-eminent fur-trading post from the 1830s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes, and frontier capitalists. Bourgoise House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center, interpreting one of the most colorful eras of the westward expansion. Open daily.

#### BAINVILLE (B-12)

Fort Union Trading Post See Major Attractions.

Bainville Historical Association Museum Main St., 769-2596
Area history. Memorial Day - Labor Day.

#### CIRCLE (C-11)

#### McCone County Museum 801 1st Ave. S., 485-2414

Indian artifacts, firearms, farm machinery, homesteader's shack, and wildlife collection. Open year-round, weekdays, 9-5.

#### CULBERTSON (B-12)

Fort Union Trading Post See Major Attractions.

#### Culbertson Museum and Visitor Information Center 1 mi. E of town, 787-6320

Nine rooms featuring a school, barber shop, general store, pioneer home. Statewide travel information. Open daily May 1 - Sept. 30.

#### FAIRVIEW (C-12)

#### 747-5203

#### Snowden Bridge

The last dual transportation (autos/trains) bridge in the country.

#### FORT PECK (C-10)

### Fort Peck Dam and Lake See Major Attractions.

#### Fort Peck Theatre Missouri Ave., 228-9219

Historic building houses Fort Peck Theatre Company, offering musicals and drama every summer weekend, June-Aug.

#### GLASGOW (B-10)

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge See Major Attractions.

#### Pioneer Museum

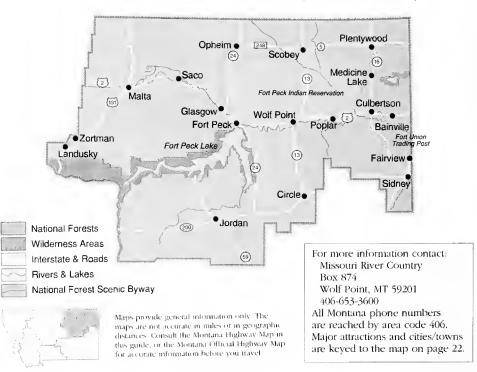
#### Hwy 2 W., 228-8692 (winter 228-2222)

Includes tossils, Indian artifacts, railroads, early businesses, aviation, wildlife collection. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### JORDAN (D-10)

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge See Major Attractions.

Garfield County Museum, 557-2517 Area history, fossil exhibits. June-Sept.



#### Hell Creek State Park 26 mi. N on county road, 232-4365

Popular recreation area provides access to Fort Peck Lake. Marina, water sports, fishing, boating, camping, lodging. User fee.

#### MALTA (B-8)

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Little Rocky Mountains See Major Attractions.

#### **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** 8 mi. E, off old U.S. 2, 654-2863

Excellent viewing and photo opportunities of more than 200 bird species, deer, antelope, upland game. 15-mile self-guided auto tour.

#### Nelson Reservoir 17 mi. E on U.S. 2, 2 mi. N on county road 654-1588

Walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports Noted for abundant waterfowl.

#### Phillips County Historical Museum 133 1st St. W, 654-1037

Carnegie Library Building, Ranching, homesteading era. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

#### MEDICINE LAKE (B-12)

#### Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge 1 mile S off MT 16, 789-2305

Important refuge for birds, especially white pelicans, occasional whooping cranes, and other species of waterfowl and upland game. Spring and fall migrations bring 100,000 to 250,000 waterfowl. Encompasses Medicine Lake Wilderness, Montana's smallest wilderness, which preserves a small parcel of mixed-grass prairie, and Tepee Hills Site, where many tepee rings are preserved. Fishing for northern pike. Open year-round for walking activities. Selfguided auto tour April 15-Sept. 30.

#### PLENTYWOOD (A-12)

#### 765-1607

Located 16 mi. south of 24-hour Canadian port of enfry. Exotic animal farm tours, golf, swimming pool, 5 city parks. Hot Air Balloon Rally in August.

#### Sheridan County Museum E end of town on MT 16, 765-2219

100 antique tractors, 34 threshing machines; Sitting Bull memorial. Summer only.

#### POPLAR (B-11)

#### Fort Peck Indian Reservation 768-5155

Home to Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. Of special interest are the many tribal celebrations held throughout the year, including the Red Bottom Celebration in Frazier (June), Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede (2nd weekend in July), Iron Ring Celebration in Poplar (3rd week in July), and "Wadopana-Last of the True Pow-wows" near Wolf Point (first weekend in August).

#### Poplar Museum 212 F West, 768-5212 Summer only.

Tribal Museum Hwy 2 E., 768-5155, ext. 2328 Tribal history, artifacts. Open May-Sept.

#### SACO (B-9)

#### **Huntley School**

Restored one-room school where newsman Chet Huntley began his education. Schools like this once dotted the plains.

#### SCOBEY (A-11)

#### Pioneer Town and Museum Wedge of Scobey, 487-5965 or 487-2224

Authentic homestead; historic 42-building town includes stores, library, museum, churches,

#### SIDNEY (C-12)

#### Mondak Heritage Center 120 3rd Ave. SE., 482-3500

Area history, street scene of early 1900s, art exhibits, research library. Open year-round.

#### WOLF POINT (B-11)

"John Deere" Tractor Collection & Museum 1 mi. W, 15 mi. N of Wolf Point on Hwy 250 392-5224

Open year-round. Call for appointment

#### Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum 220 2nd Ave. S., 653-1912

Homesteading, farm and ranch history

#### ZORTMAN (C-8)

Gold Mine Tours, Little Rocky Mountains See Major Attractions.

#### UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge 50 mi. SE on dry-weather roads, 538-8706 Perhaps Montana's most primitive wilderness refuge, the UL Bend is a glacially created peninsula of prairie that juts out into Fort Peck Lake. Together with the surrounding C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, it is the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Other inhabitants are deer, pronghorn, birds, and small animals. Consult weather conditions before traveling from Zortman.

Fort Union Historic Site Wayne Scherr



# Custer Country

Sitting Bull. Crazy Horse. Lewis and Clark, Lt. Col. George Custer, who lost his life in 1876 against an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. These ghosts from our past come to life in the museums and monuments of Custer Country. Prairie grasslands, vast cattle ranches, and wind-carved rock formations

define the landscape. Colorful celebrations, from rodeos to balloon races to Indian pow-wows are plentiful. And so are the fish—trout, walleye, paddlefish, and bass, to name a few. From campfire cookouts to elegant dining, Custer Country presents a taste of the Old West and a befly belping of the new.

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

#### Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (G-9) 15 mi. S of Hardin on I-90, 638-2621

Formerly Custer Battlefield, this site memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. In June 1876, 260 soldiers and attached personnel of the U.S. Army were killed by an overwhelming number of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, Custer National Cemetery, memorial site of the 7th Cavalry at Reno-Benteen Battlefield, guided battlefield tours, and interpretive programs. Open year-round.

### **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (G-8)**

42 mi. S of Hardin on Hwy. 313, 666-2412
Stunning canyon scenery, hiking trails, naturalist-guided trips, boating, fishing, and camping make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft.-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier trout streams. Year-round accommodations and services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin, and Lovell.

### Fort Smith Visitor Center 666-2339

Open daily. Rangers present evening programs at Afterbay Campground summer weekends.

#### Yellowtail Dam Visitor Center 666-3234 or 666-2443

Open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### Makoshika State Park (D-12)

SE of Glendive on Snyder Ave., 365-8596 To the Sioux Indians, Makoshika meant "bar

To the Sioux Indians, Makoshika meant "bad earth" or "bad land." In addition to unusual scenery, the park contains fossil remains of such dinosaurs as the tyrannosaurus and triceratops. Scenic drives, nature trails, campground, picnic sites, archery and shooting ranges, visitor center. User fee.

#### Montana Agates (F-9 to C-12) Along the Yellowstone River, which parallels I-94 and MT 16, from Custer to Sidney.

The Yellowstone River is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its shores. Sometimes called plume or moss agates. Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stone's interior. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers, and fossils are also common in the area.

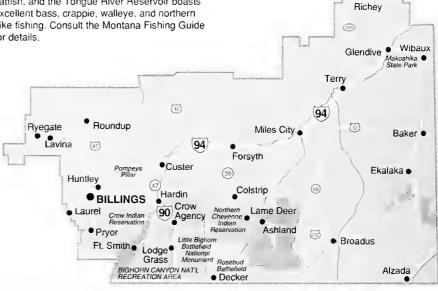
#### **FISHING**

As Montana's rivers move east, fishing becomes more varied. Enjoy trout fishing at its best on the Bighorn River below Yellowtail Dam. The catch ranges from channel catfish, sauger, and walleye to the ancient paddlefish on the Lower Yellowstone River. Bighorn Lake is a popular walleye fishery, the Musselshell is known for its trout and catfish, and the Tongue River Reservoir boasts excellent bass, crappie, walleye, and northern pike fishing. Consult the Montana Fishing Guide for details.

#### ASHLAND AND LAME DEER (G-10)

#### Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation On U.S. 212, adjacent to the Crow Reservation, 477-6253

Of special interest are a historical buffalo jump, burial sites of Indian chiefs, Custer's last camp before the battle, the Cheyenne Indian Museum featuring Indian artifacts and The Little Coyote Gallery, St. Labre Indian School, and the Ashland Pow-wow (early Sept.). Lame Deer, 21 miles west, is headquarters for the tribe and home of the Northern Cheyenne Pow-wow (July 4th weekend). Cheyenne trail rides available (784-6150). Call the Northern Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce for additional information (477-6268). Gift shop at the Chamber.



For more information contact: Custer Country Route 1, Box 1206A Hardin, MT 59034 406-665-1671 All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Major attractions and cities/towns are keyed to the map on page 22.

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#### BAKER (E-12)

#### Baker Lake

Located in Baker, offers fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas, softball complex

#### O'Fallon Museum 1st St. W and 10th, 778-3265

World's largest steer, vintage clothing

#### BILLINGS (F-8)

Montana's largest city. Billings is a regional hub, cultural and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters, shopping, two colleges, plus easy access to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River, and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness make Billings a popular stop for visitors.

### Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument I-90, exit 450, 815 S. 27th St., 252-4016

Full information on all area attractions, plus heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the "Drive of '89"—Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings.

### Alberta Bair Theater 2801 3rd Ave. N., 256-6052

Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. Over 100 events annually.

#### Black Otter Trail 252-4016

Scenic drive along rimrocks, beginning at U.S. 10 east of Billings. Includes gravesite of famous frontier scout Yellowstone Kelly. On a clear day, five mountain ranges are visible from the gravesite.

#### Boothill Swords Park Atop the rimrocks

The only vestige of the Yellowstone River town of Coulson is its cemetery. Resting place of H. M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman.

#### Lake Elmo State Park 2400 Lake Elmo Dr., 256-6205

Beach, swimming, windsurfing, more User fee.

#### Moss Mansion 914 Division St., 256-5100

This turn-of-the-century mansion, elegantly restored, provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop Admission

#### Oscar's Dreamland

1-90 exit 446, then S. Frontage Rd., 656-0966 Historic town, plus impressive collection of steam engines, antique vehicles, farm artifacts. Admission. May-Oct.

#### Peter Yegen Museum

Near Logan International Airport, 256-6811 Old West history, Indian artifacts. Mon.-Fri., Sun.

#### Pictograph Cave State Park 1-90 at Lockwood exit, then 6 mi. S on county road, 252-4654

The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular with birders. Picnic sites. User fee.

#### Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark Off I-94, 28 mi. E of Billings, 657-6262

It is the only site on the trail where visible evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition may be viewed by the public. Interpretive tours available, visitor center. Open Memorial Day through Sept.

#### Western Heritage Center 2822 Montana Ave., 256-6809

Indians, western history, Yellowstone Valley history Tues.-Sun.

#### Yellowstone Art Center 401 N. 27th St., 256-6804

Changing exhibits of regional, national, and international art, both contemporary and historical. Tues.-Sun.

#### ZooMontana

2100 S Shiloh Rd., 652-8100

Under new construction; some exhibits open. Call for times.



#### BROADUS (G-11)

#### Powder River Historical Museum and Mac's Museum 102 W. Wilson, 436-2276

General store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars, and pioneer photos. Over 200,000 seashells, plus minerals and Indian artifacts. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day.

#### Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife Museum 708 S. Park/Hwy 212, 436-2538

Wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative guns, local art. Ask for directions to Reynolds Battlefield, 23 miles south of Broadus.

#### COLSTRIP (F-10)

#### Colstrip

35 mi. S of Forsyth on MT 39, 748-3746

"Energy Capital of Montana." Visit Colstrip Visitor Center to learn the history of this coal-mining community, the operation of a coal-fired power plant, and the workings of an open-pit mine. Tours. Mon.-Fri. Reservations appreciated.

#### CROW AGENCY (G-9)

#### **Crow Indian Reservation** 638-2601

This large reservation surrounds much of the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area and encompasses Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. One of the nation's best-known Indian pow-wows, Crow Fair, takes place here the third weekend of August when Crow Agency becomes the "Tepee Capital of the World."

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument See Major Attractions.

#### CUSTER (F-9)

Enjoy agate hunting and fishing in the Custer

#### DECKER (G-10)

#### Rosebud Battlefield State Park N of Decker on Secondary 314, 232-4365

Undeveloped site of the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory eight days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, now the site of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

#### Tongue River Reservoir State Park 6 mi. N on Sec. 314, then 1 mi. E on county road, 232-4365

Scenic, 12-mile-long reservoir offers boating, camping, concession, and good fishing for walleye, northern pike, bass, and crappie. User fee.

#### EKALAKA (F-12)

#### Carter County Museum 100 Main St., 775-6886

Prehistoric specimens, anatosaurus skeleton, artifacts. Closed Monday.

#### Medicine Rocks State Park N on MT 7, 232-4365

This was a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual formations. Haven for wildlife. Undeveloped.

#### FORSYTH (E-10)

#### Pioneer Museum 356-7547

Area history, artifacts, photos, May-Sept 15.

#### Rosebud County Courthouse 1200 Main, 356-7318

Listed on the National Register, this neoclassical, 2-story building is capped with an ornate copper dome. Top floor and courtroom features murals and stained glass.

#### GLENDIVE (D-12)

#### Maskoshika State Park

See Major Attractions.

#### Frontier Gateway Museum 1 mi. E of town, 365-8168

Fossils, Indian artifacts, homesteading. May-Labor Day, or by appointment.

#### HARDIN (F-9)

#### Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Custer National Cemetery, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

See Major Attractions.

#### Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center I-90, exit 497, 665-1671

Cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop. Statewide travel information. Open year-round.

#### Jailhouse Gallery 812 N. Center, 665-3239

Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits, gift shop

#### HUNTLEY (F-8)

#### Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture

Over 5,000 agricultural artifacts.

#### HYSHAM (E-9)

#### Treasure County Museum Pioneer history.

Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area Old homestead location offers fishing access. boat launch, wildlife viewing, and agate hunting

#### LAUREL (F-8)

#### Chief Joseph Statue and Canyon Creek Battlefield Marker Firemen's Park, downtown 628-8105

Commemorates 1877 Canyon Creek Battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry led by General Sturgis. Actual site of the battle is 7.5 miles north on Secondary 532.

#### MILES CITY (E-11)

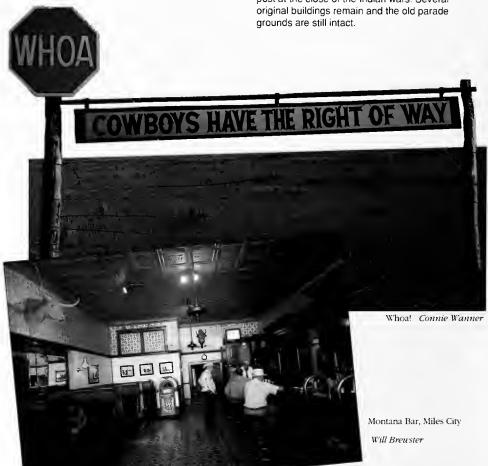
#### **Custer County Art Center** Water Plant Rd., 232-0635

Located in historic waterworks plant, the center features the work of local, state, and regional artists. Annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry, and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, third weekend in May.

### Fort Keogh

2 mi. SE

At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several



#### Range Riders Museum W edge of town, 232-6146

This western complex includes Fort Keogh Officers' Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Milestown Main Street, Heritage Center, Indian artifacts, and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. April-Oct. Admission.

#### PRYOR (G-8)

### Chief Plenty Coups State Park 35 mi. S of Billings, 252-1289

Home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups. last chief of the Crow. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Visitor center and interpretive displays explain the Crow culture. User fee.

#### RICHEY (C-11)

### Richey Historical Museum 773-5656

Over 5,000 items including Model A mail car, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, newspaper files, and period clothing. Memorial Day-Labor Day

#### ROUNDUP (E-8)

### Musselshell Valley Historical Museum 524 1st St. W., 323-1403

Pioneer-era cabin, 5-room house, coal mine. 7,000 sq. ft. exhibit area. May-Sept.

#### RYEGATE & LAVINA (E-7)

#### Musselshell River, Fishing See Major Attractions

#### TERRY (D-H)

## Prairie County Museum and Cameron Photo Gallery 637-5782

Housed in the old State Bank of Terry, museum is filled with horse and buggy equipment, household and business antiques

#### Terry Badlands NW on Scenic View Rd., 232-7000 Scenic overlook, hiking

#### WIBAUX (D-12)

#### St. Peter's Catholic Church

Built in 1885, this beautiful church features stained glass and a lava rock exterior covered with climbing vines in the summer

#### Wibaux County Museum and Visitor Information Center End of E. Orgain St., 795-2427

Tongue River John Reddy

Includes Pierre Wibaux House, which was built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman Farm/household items of early area settlers, Indian artifacts, Centennial Car Museum Statewide travel information Open May-Sept





Annual re-enactment of Guster's Last Stand, Hardin Robym Kana.

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Range Riders Museum, Miles City - Michael Crummett





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